

From Where We Stand...

Will Fish Be Dead By Then

"Taxes, consumer protection, Tocks Island, school troubles and on and on . . . the poor legislators frankly are besieged from every side and hardly know where to turn.

The war, the Pueblo crisis, spy planes . . . state and federal problems at home . . . what a mess it all seems to be.

And yet, the seasons come and go over the Alleghenies precisely as it has come for millions of years. The dogwood, little flowers, bubbling brooks and the fresh, green grass spreads over the hills. Baby lambs and calves and colts and love in the air . . . along with pollution, contamination and man's inhumanity to man.

And when confronted with all of this, what can one choose to write about? The subjects just aren't compatible, so writing a little about each does not suffice. Yet, each is individually so important that none should be ignored.

Still the world marches on. One can still enjoy the once-in-a-lifetime experience of taking your son fishing on his fifth birthday, and living through his eyes the excitement of a minnow, a pair of mallards, a tadpole and a many-legged worm. And trying to keep him from going right into the water while trying to reel in his first fish — a small blue gill caught stealing the worm. And finishing a perfect day by building a fire and roasting a weiner. This is the kind of thing men have been doing for centuries.

And then you begin to wonder. Will this little blue-eyed boy be able to enjoy these soul-satisfying experiences with his son? Or will the fish be dead by then and the streams choked with pollution? Will man really make his world unfit to live in? Have you really looked closely lately?

Maybe July is not the time to talk about important legislation. Maybe it is a time for us all to refresh our spirits as nature refreshes herself with each new season.

Would it help if we all tried to put the really important things first? Aren't clean streams, clear air, clean streets and ever clean minds a first order towards getting ourselves off the collision course with doom? Are you talking with your friends and your children about this? — adapted from writing of William F. Matson, Pa. REA, in Teamwork.

Same Answer Valid

Sometimes our thinking processes defy rational explanation. Everyone knows, for example, that automobiles contaminate the air as do factories and home incinerators. Yet, no one suggests that factories, automobiles and home incinerators be abolished. Instead, they are being subjected to increasingly stringent smog and antipollution control. Rather than moving to extinguish these tools of modern living, efforts are being made to adapt them to the environment. But

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just let a person driving through the countryside see an airplane spraying or dusting a food crop to preserve it from disease a pests — very often the reaction is not one of control but of abolishment despite the fact that proper use of modern chemicals in agriculture is essential to the survival and welfare of twentieth century society.

The answer to the hazards of contamination from such things as pesticides is the same as the answer to contamination from industries and automobiles. That answer is research and adequate regulation of pollution-causing elements. And, make no mistake, pesticides—agricultural chemicals —are the key to the future adequacy of our food supply. With the passage of the years, these chemicals will become evermore essential to the preservation of life.

In 1955, the U.S. population stood at 165 million—2.8 acres of arable land per person. By the year 2000, our population is expected to approach the 400 million mark—1.16 acres per person from which to meet our food requirements. The needs generated by a population increase of this magnitude can be met only through maximum utilization of every aid — including chemicals — to food production. With present technologies, this is a fact that must be understood and heeded by everyone.

Don't Producers Count Anymore?

There is no need for studies or investigations to explain why taxpayers are on the edge of revolt. A few paragraphs from an editorial in the Oceanside, California, Blade-Tribune—an editorial that recently was reprinted in the Congressional Record—tell the story. The Tribune's editorial ire was aroused by a proposal of the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare to give cash to the needy rather than to provide necessities on the theory that this would "preserve the dignity and freedom of choice" of the poor.

Says the Tribune, "What about the dignity and freedom of the hard-working industrious Americans who are working their fannies off to pay their taxes so the government can give it away? Don't we count anymore in America? Or do you have to be from a broken home or a lazy home or a I-don't-care-at-all home to count?" The taxpayers' revolt is, in reality, a revolt of the producers against the demands of the non-producers. The smart politician knows which side his bread is buttered on. He should also know who provides the butter.

At least that's the way it looks from where we stand.

Across The Fence Row

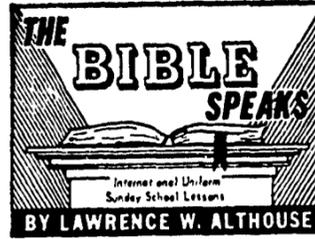
TV statistics are staggering when you consider that "by the time a five-year-old child enters kindergarten he has spent more time learning about life from the family TV set than the average student in a liberal arts program spends in a classroom in his four years of college attendance." According to Parade (March 2), based on an average week of TV programming, "an incident is enacted every 14 minutes and a killing every 45 minutes."

Local Weather Forecast

(From the U. S. Weather Bureau at the Harrisburg State Airport)

The five-day forecast for the period Saturday through next Wednesday calls for temperatures to average below normal with daytime highs in the upper 70's to low 80's and overnight lows in the upper 50's to low 60's. Mild at the beginning of the period and turning cooler Tuesday and Wednesday.

Rain may total one-fourth to one-half inch as showers and thunder showers at the beginning of the week.



WHEN GOD SAYS "GO!"

Lesson for July 13, 1969

Background Scriptures: Genesis 12:1-9, 15, 17:1-21; 18:13, 14 21:1-15, 22:15-19.
Devotional Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-10.

Someone has said, "I don't believe in ghosts, but I'm scared of them just the same."

There is a great difference in believing in something with our minds and trusting in something with our whole being. We may often say we "believe" in this or that, but it is only those things in which we trust or to which we entrust ourselves that really matter. Believing in God may be one



Rev. Althouse thing; trusting in him still another.

Not knowing where

Some people believe in God, but they are afraid to entrust their lives into his hands. Not so Abraham, according to the writer of Hebrews:

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place he was to receive as an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was to go.

(Hebrews 11:8) Believing in the existence of God will not do. We must trust him enough to set forth without even knowing where he is leading us. Abraham may have been the first to go forth "not knowing where," but he was certainly not the last. God has needed many pioneers of faith and we might say that he needs within all of us some of that same pioneer faith. For all of us at some time or another are called to go forth in faith over an unknown way.

In Abraham's day, we must remember, it took real courage to do any traveling at all. Roads were few and poor, terrain and obstacles along the way were difficult, and there was little known about the world beyond one's own village or home. There were no travel bureaus, no chambers

of commerce to tell you what it was going to be like in a far-off place like Canaan.

"Why Me?"

That may be why Abraham's father got no further than Haran, even though his original goal had been distant Canaan. He had set out from the city of Ur for Canaan, but for some reason, he never got beyond Haran. Now Abraham felt a call to take his clan on a long journey to a new land he didn't even know.

Perhaps he wrestled with this decision for some time. He may even have asked himself, "Why me?" It is a good question: why did God choose Abraham? Genesis tells us almost nothing of his character and abilities. Why then his man?

Other men have asked similar questions:

"I feel God wants me for the Christian ministry, but why me? That's not my life!"

"We really would like to try to tithe, but I don't think our family can really afford to do so this year."

"I believe God needs teachers and workers in his church, but why me?"

"Sure I believe the housing situation is unchristian, but why should I stick my neck out?"

What he sees

Perhaps Abraham also asked: "Why me?" It is an unanswerable question, for no one knows the mind of God. Many of God's choices are a complete mystery to men. God sees potentialities in men who to us appear to be very mediocre. He gives us his orders on the basis of what he sees in us, not what we see in ourselves.

He who goes forth in faith into a new land or experience does not go empty-handed. He is armed by the promises which God usually makes when he has a job for man to do. Often, like Abraham, we must go forth armed, not with the certainty of where God will lead us, but without knowing where we are to go, without any assurance other than that God will be with us and guide us along the way.

When God says "Go!", the men are separated from the boys.

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NOW IS THE TIME . . .

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To Make Proper Spray Applications

The use of many kinds of sprays and pesticides is widely used by many farmers and gardeners. The importance of applying the correct amount at the proper time is very important and should not be overlooked. The theory of applying a little more to do more good is not recommended. Tobacco growers that are planning to use chemical sucker control are urged to apply the exact amount that is recommended in order to get results without decreasing the quality of their crop.

To Work At Good Management

Management is a big word in all types of business these days and the first three letters of the word, "man" is the most important part. Farmers must be good managers in order to be success-

ful. Getting things done on time, in the most efficient method, and keeping accurate records of all transactions are only part of the job of management. Farmers are urged to give special emphasis to improved farm management in order to have a profitable farm operation.

TO Seed Cover Crops

Late summer and early fall are good times to seed cover crops for plowing down next spring. Winter grain fields that are not seeded down may be disced and sowed to a cover crop such as ryegrass, field brome-grass, or one of the winter grains. These crops will give some growth, and grazing, this fall and produce organic matter to be turned down next spring. Cover crops add to soil fertility and help prevent both wind and soil erosion during the winter months.